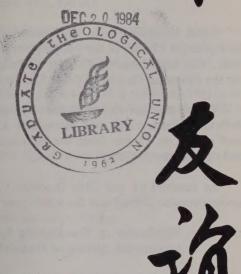
# Friendship

**SUMMER 1984** 





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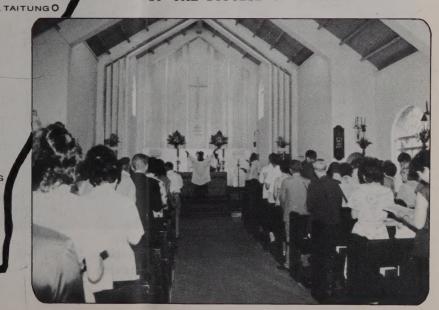
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THANKSGIVING FOR THE FIRST 30 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE OF TAIWAN



#### **BISHOP'S MESSAGE:**

# On our 30th Anniversary - 1954-1984

When compared with the Roman Catholic and Presbyterian Churches in Taiwan, the Episcopal Church is the youngest, as they have been established here for more than 120 years. Our neighbour, the Diocese of Hong Kong, this year celebrates its 135th anniversary, and the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. its bicentenary.

We are younger also than the other protestant denominations. The Baptist, Lutheran, Methodist, Pentecostal and Mennonite Churches, the Assemblies of God and Mustard Seed moved to Taiwan from the mainland before 1950, and now they are all ministering well. Thanks be to God.

As resolved by our 24th Diocesan Convocation in February, we are celebrating this special occasion throughout the whole year:—

- June 10, Whitsunday, a Thanksgiving Eucharist Service was held at St. John's Cathedral to mark the opening of the celebrations.
- July 2-27 Fr. Nolan Redman, Coordinator of Youth Ministry of Province VIII led seven young people four girls and three boys came to Taiwan, joining our Youth Summer Training Camps held in Taichung, Tainan, Chiading, Kaohsiung and Keelung.
- July 15 Ordination Service was held at the Grace Episcopal Church, Tainan, at which Daniel Y. C. Tu was made deacon and Samuel Y. C. Lin was ordained priest.
   Another Ordination Service will be held at St. John's Cathedral, Taipei, in November of this year.
- October An Evangelical Crusade, conducted by the Rt. Rev. Luke H. S. Chhoa, Bishop of Sabah and Chairman of the Anglican Council of Churches of East Asia, will be held in Taipei and Kaohsiung.

Publications -

Bishop James Pong's book on 'Christianity and Chinese Religious Thought' 'Episcopal Church in Taiwan from 1975 to 1984', edited by Dean Samuel Chen.

Fund-raising Campaign —

Target US\$25,000 (or Taiwan \$1 million) for setting up a Gospel Hall in Hsin Chu, about 60 miles south of Taipei, where there are two universities. We wish to minister to the college students.

'Stewardship Clergy Practicum' workshop was held through the aid of ECUSA from May 28-31, 1984 by Frs. Tom Carson, Robert Cooper and Ronald Reed.

February St. Matthias' Feast Day - A Thanksgiving Service will be held to mark the closing of the 30th Anniversary celebrations.

We are grateful to our forerunners — Bishops Harry Kennedy, Charles Gilson, James C. L. Wong and James T. M. Pong, Frs. Theodore Yeh, S. K. Yao, Y. N. Liu, M. C. Chia, Herbert Yen, John Ling, James Ling, Edmund Der, Laurence Chang, Roy Taylor, Peyton Craighill, Patrick Hutton and many others — for their vision and effort which built up our diocese to its present stature.

Therefore I urge you all to pray with thankfulness and do your best to join in and give your talents to support the ministry of the diocese which, being now already thirty years old, should be adequate to the challenge of standing firm and independent by itself.

St. Paul says, 'And now, my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable — fill all your thoughts with these things.' (Phil. 4:8)

May God bless us and strengthen us with His Spirit to do things true, noble, just and pure.

Your servant in Christ,

+ P.Y. Cheung Bishop of Taiwan, R.O.C.





# EDITOR OF "FRIENDSHIP" RETIRES

The Bishop writes:-

'No feast can last forever'

— a Chinese saying.

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We bid farewell to Canon Briggs.

On Wednesday evening, June 27, 1984, the vestry members of St. John's Cathedral and the Good Shepherd Parish, more than thirty people together with Bishop Cheung, gave a farewell dinner party in honour of Canon Archie Briggs on the eve of his retirement.



Canon Briggs replying to speeches.

We are grateful for his magnificent service in Taiwan since January, 1977 as a residential canon of St. John's Cathedral and associate priest of the Good Shepherd Church, in charge of the English-speaking congregation.

But added to this, Archie had served faithfully in North Borneo since 1959, and later became Archdeacon and Vicar General of the dioceses of Jesselton and Sabah.

Moreover, he had close relationships with the Chinese. In 1949 after he had joined the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG), he was sent to Tientsin, North China, as a missioner.

Before that, from 1953 to 1958, he served as a member of the Brotherhood of St. Barnabas in Queensland, Australia. Archie was the last of the Bush Brothers to minister in Mount Isa, the great copper, silver, lead and zinc mining town. During his time there, the new Church of St. James the Great was built.

Canon Archie Briggs is a great asset to the Church of God. We have shared the depth of his spiritual vision and liturgical insight through his incomparable experience and maturity. He has lectured many times for our clergy retreats and counselled many of our young clergy before their ordination.

At the age of 67 (born February, 1917), Canon Briggs presented his resignation to the Diocese. We all give thanks to God and are much indebted to USPG for giving us a wonderful brother, and we wish him a restful and well-earned retirement at his home town of Durham, U.K.



Canon Briggs with (Left to right) Professor H. Ma, Bishop Cheung and Dr. F. T. Ley.

#### AN INTRODUCTION

With the retirement of Canon Archie Briggs, "Friendship" has acquired a new editor. My name is Christine Cooper, I am an Australian and for most of my working life so far have been a teacher, mainly of Mathematics.

After five years in Queensland high schools, I spent ten months of 1962 at the Australian Board of Missions' training college in Sydney, and then went to work with the (then) Anglican Mission in Papua New Guinea. My first year there was at St. Agnes' Primary School, Dogura. There followed eleven more "next door" at Holy Name School, the Anglican high school for girls.

When the Community of the Holy Name handed over the school to the Church in Papua New Guinea at the end of 1976, I too returned to Melbourne, where I worked for several years at the Cancer Institute as a receptionist, and also strengthened ties with the Sisters by becoming an Associate of the Community.

At the end of May I arrived in Taipei to work with the Episcopal Church of Taiwan as English Secretary, and since Canon Briggs' departure have been given both his flat and his job of producing this magazine. In addition, as part of the Church's involvment in the Taiwan Christian Service programme, I take small classes for English conversation — and am trying to learn Chinese.

Footnote: When I went to St. Agnes' School, I often heard mention of Miss Ena Somerville, who had earlier been at Dogura. It was a great surprise to learn that she had also preceded me here in Taiwan as English Secretary, in the 1960's.

The Editor with some of the congregation after the 30th Anniversary service at the Cathedral.

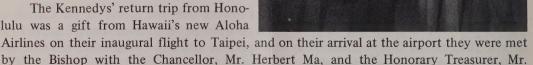


#### **BISHOP KENNEDY'S VISIT MAY 29-31**

Many people were very glad to welcome back to Taiwan Bishop Harry S. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy on their recent short visit to Taipei.

Bishop Kennedy was the founding bishop of the Taiwan Episcopal Church, and as such was a well-known, loved and respected Father in God.

The Kennedys' return trip from Honolulu was a gift from Hawaii's new Aloha



Next morning, after Holy Communion in the Chapel of the Epiphany at Friendship House, our guests were taken to see some of the structural developments in Taipei and in the Church here, including St. John's Cathedral and the Kennedy Students' Hostel (for girls), the President Francis Wei Memorial Library and the new community building at the Church of the Good Shepherd which houses, amongst other facilities, a librarystudy room for students who need a quiet place in which to work.

At a dinner party given that evening for the guests, a beautiful scroll painting of Taiwan's national flower, Mei-Hua (pink plum blossom), was presented to Mrs. Kennedy by the artiste, Mrs. Marina Lin, who is also the chairwoman of the Episcopal Church Women.

# **ABOVE** Bishop and Mrs. Kennedy at the airport with Bishop Cheung and Mr. H. Ma

William Wang.

**BELOW** After the chapel service



Most of the last day was spent at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology at Hsinpu, forty kilometres north of Taipei.

The brief return of Bishop Kennedy and his wife brought happiness to many, especially the Bishop's wry sense of humour, which everyone enjoyed. It was particularly pleasing that they were able to come, even for such a limited time, during this year's Anniversary celebrations.

#### FROM BISHOP KENNEDY

June 2, 1984

Dear Bishop Cheung:

It was indeed a great blessing and joy for Katharine and me to meet you and to share in all the events you planned for our visit.

Your planning made it possible for me to meet many old friends, and to see and learn about the progress of splendid leadership you are giving to the Diocese of Taiwan. There seemed to be an atmosphere of vitality everywhere and of course such enthusiasm comes from the TOP. You are indeed loved and admired by your people.

We shall cherish the photographs you gave us, and the beautiful tea set which we shall use with fond memories of you and Lucy.

My wish now is that we may have the pleasure of having you in Honolulu, so we may extend our hospitality to two wonderful people who have come into our lives.

I wish to assure you and all our fine people in Taiwan that you will be very much in my prayers.

May God continue to bless you and keep you in his care.



Backed by the map of Taiwan, the Kennedys' former diocese.

Faithfully,

(Signed) Harry

#### STEWARDSHIP CLERGY PRACTICUM MAY 28-31

At the end of May, twelve of the clergy met in Taipei for a three-day workshop on stewardship. To lead the group, and to share their experience in this field, the Bishop welcomed three visitors from the U.S.A. They were Dr. Thomas H. Carson Jr., Dr. Robert M. Cooper and the Rev. Ronald Reed (pictured 1. to r. below).



The leaders





After introductions had been made on the Monday evening, an overview of aspects of stewardship was presented by the leaders, and support groups were assigned to explore various related topics. The evening finished with Compline.

During the next two days the participants worked on the theology of stewardship, biblical resources and sermon preparation. The only free time, Wednesday afternoon, was followed by an evening session on goal-setting at both diocesan and parochial levels, and the next morning was spent discussing the development of resources in Taiwan.

The workshop was a tightly-packed period, requiring considerable concentration on the part of those involved, and the leaders remarked on the very hard work put in by all present.

June 20, 1984

Dear P.Y.:

Greetings! And thank you for your hospitality during my stay in Taipei. I am very pleased with the work we shared together and with the high quality and maturity of your clergy. Hardly any other group of clergy has impressed me more. Your boundless energy and enthusiasm are obviously so vital to your episcopal ministry with the clergy and people of your Church.

I wish you good health, a prosperous ministry and all of God's continued blessings to you and your family.

Faithfully and Cordially yours,

(The Rev.) Ronald L. Reed

#### **OVERSEAS POSTING**

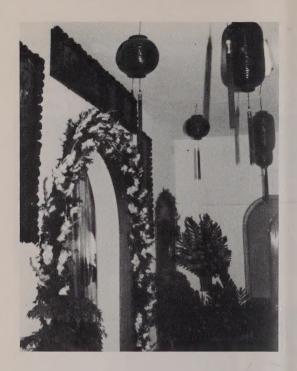
The Reverend Francis Kwan was formerly priest-in-charge of Advent Church, Hsinpu and St. Matthias' Church, Wanli and chaplain at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology. In January of this year, on the recommendation of Bishop Cheung, he left Taiwan to minister to the Chinese population of New York. Recently he returned to collect his wife and family.



Fr. Kwan reported to the Bishop that during the previous four months his work in New York's Chinatown had been going well. Besides his ministry to the parishioners of the Church of Our Saviour, he visits patients at two nursing homes for the aged. The homes are sponsored by Trinity Parish Church in the City of New York.

The Kwan family.

#### THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE



For the special Thanksgiving Service to mark the 30th birthday of the Diocese, St. John's Cathedral was a real picture, with flowers everywhere. A splendid arch of many colours outlined the entrance to the nave, while hanging baskets above the side aisles and typical Taiwanese fan-shaped arrangements in the sanctuary looked beautiful against the pale blue walls.

After the ringing of the church bell, firecrackers thundered out in traditional celebration before the procession of choristers and clergy entered.



Bishop Cheung preached the sermon, speaking of our happiness in the progress of the Taiwan Episcopal Church since its foundation, and urging us not to "rest on our laurels" but to look outwards and ahead to its further spread and development and the part each of us has to play in this growth.





The Dean, the Reverend Samuel Chen, was the celebrant and presented the offerings to God with our praise for His many blessings during the last thirty years.

A well-trained choir in the gallery, by their leading of the hymns and singing a lovely anthem, assisted our worship and added greatly to the beauty of the service.



#### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN'S GROUPS OF TAIWAN

Recently Mrs. Marina Lin, the new Chairwoman of the ECW in Taiwan, made a tour of all the ECW groups throughout the island. She has reported:—

The Episcopal Church Women in Taiwan are happy and willing to use their God-given gifts to serve the church here. Although their numbers are not great, they make up for this with their dedicated service. In the twelve churches and one mission, with a total of more than two thousand enrolled members spread the whole length of Taiwan, the ECW has a very important role.

The activities of the different groups vary but for the most part they are involved in the Altar Guild, church flower arranging, church music, sidesmen's duties, Sunday School teaching and hospitality — all of the many forms of service necessary to make our churches a haven in the rush of day-to-day life.

The Good Shepherd Church in Taipei offers many activities for the whole community, including Chinese brush painting and calligraphy, aerobic dancing and Japanese-style flower arranging. The annual bazaar, the proceeds of which are given towards community projects such as centres for the handicapped, is also the ECW's responsibility. In addition, each week two members serve by preparing a delicious lunch for the youth fellowship at the church.

St. John's Cathedral in Taipei and All Saints' Church in Southern Taiwan have very warm fellowship groups. Most of the members are in their middle years, with grown families, and are thus free to spend a lot of time in parish visiting and encouraging the use of the United Thank Offering boxes.

Although some of the other groups are not as involved with regular structured meetings, they work together on special projects, such as handicrafts to sell for raising funds to help the needy.

What some groups lack in numbers, they make up for by the warmth with which they welcome newcomers and guests. In one church, ECW members are willing even to take on the church chores themselves, to defray the running costs of the church.

Every Vestry has ECW representatives on it, because most of them care for the church as they would their own family. Or you could say:

"The same hands that rock the cradle serve the church."

#### TAIWAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

On the top floor of Friendship House, in what is also the conference room, classes have been held in typing, elementary English and advanced English conversation. This is part of the Taiwan Episcopal Church's involvment in Taiwan Christian Service.

T.C.S. was founded in 1954 with the purpose of putting into practice the spirit of Jesus' "Love your neighbour". Half of its members are institutions, including various branches of the Christian Church, while the remainder are individual interested people. These have become members after recommendation, screening and invitation. At present Bishop Cheung is the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The activities of T.C.S. are varied. Principally it cooperates with church bodies in social service, helping related Christian organizations in applying subsidies from overseas to improve the living conditions and environment of needy communities. Used clothing is also collected and distributed.

Christian hospitals are assisted in bringing in medical supplies and hospital equipment free of import duty.

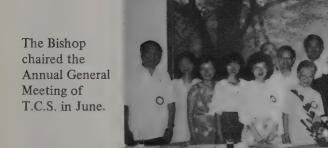
T.C.S. provides student counselling, and it undertakes probation work with juvenile delinquents.

The classes at Friendship House aim to help those who wish by these means to improve their work skills and job opportunities, as well as giving them a contact, the first for many, with the Church.

The sources of T.C.S.'s funds are the annual subscriptions paid by the members themselves, and donations from abroad.

The address of Taiwan Christian Service is:-

3rd Floor 105-7 Hangchow South Road, Section 1 Taipei, Taiwan R.O.C.



#### JOINT YOUTH SUMMER CAMPS JULY 2-28

Two years ago Bishop Cheung invited the Episcopal Church of the U.S.A. to send some young Christians to share in the Taiwan Episcopal Church's work amongst the youth of this country during their long summer vacation.

The necessary planning and preparation were undertaken by the Reverend Nolan Redman, Coordinator of Youth Ministry of Province VIII. Eventually, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, selection was made of seven sixteen- to twenty-year-olds, committed Christians with a willingness to witness to their faith and to help in whatever way they could in Taiwan. With money which they and their parishes raised, and donations from their dioceses of Spokane, Olympia, California and San Diego, the fares to and from Taipei were found and on July 2nd, in the care of Fr. Redman, the group arrived for a kind of working holiday.

For the greater part of their three and a half weeks' stay, the four girls and three boys were assigned in two's — and a one — to parishes throughout the island, from Keelung in the north to Kaohsiung in the south, where they lived with the rectory families and taught English to those who joined in the Church's holiday programme. Small children learnt sounds and simple everyday words, while adults improved their English conversation in discussion groups.



A young camper tries hard to be as tall as Fr. Redman — with the aid of a watermelon!

The team reassembled in Taipei on July 26th and, after a rest and some sightseeing, left two days later to spend a short time in Japan on their way home.

The following extracts from their impressions serve to show what a success the venture was from the point of view of the visitors and, as happens with so many who set out to give, how much they themselves gained.

"On the beautiful island of Taiwan there are tropical forests, museums, monuments, lakes, temples and much more, but what really portrays the best of Taiwan is the people. They are genuinely friendly, caring and helpful and they have made my trip enjoyable."

"To most Americans, Taiwan is thought of as a country of workers that make nice gifts. Since coming here, I've found that . . . Taiwan is a land of warm, caring, dedicated people. Americans can afford to learn much from them. . . . Each activity, from teaching English to adults in Tainan to learning a song in Chinese in Feng Yuan, will hold a special place in my heart always."

"Being blond and American in Chiading, one is immediately recognised as being from out of town. To say that I was warmly received would be a tremendous understatement. The people showed me such generosity and true hospitality that at times I was overwhelmed. My kindergarten class in the mornings gave me the opportunity to teach a little English, but mostly it was a time for new games, songs and lots of mutual affection. In the afternoons, nine gradeschoolers and I spent an hour learning and teaching English and Mandarin. They were as eager to have me speak Mandarin as I was for them to try English. At night, an adult class taught me how to communicate more effectively without language while I attempted to teach them Americanised English."

"... in Taipei, the first thing that struck me was the driving. It is incredible! Motorbikes and taxis dominate the streets! Now, it is hard to say whether drivers in Taiwan are the worst in the world or the best. The generosity, friendliness and warmth exhibited by the people of Taiwan was overwhelming. . . I have found Christian spirit and love present in most people, and it will only continue to grow. Mine have grown too, and I owe that to this great experience I have had in Taiwan."

"In Keelung, where I stayed for two weeks, Fr. David Chee and his family at Holy Trinity made me feel so at home that I almost cried when I said goodbye. There are many others, so many, that made my stay in Taiwan terrific."

"It really was something the way these people here treated us. It was a wonderful feeling being in a place so far from home doing the Lord's work. This has been the most exciting time in my life. . . . The food was quite fun as well."





#### NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

#### BIBLE CLASSES

Most of the churches have a bible study group meeting each week, but two are of particular interest. Since May 13th Holy Trinity at Keelung has been holding a Sunday class for the youth group, and St. Matthias' Church, Wanli took a children's bible study during two weeks of the summer vacation, with more than thirty children attending each day.

#### MOTHER'S DAY

On or before May 13th there were celebrations at every church for this special occasion. St. Andrew's Church held a meeting at which the kindergarten art teacher, Miss Chan, talked to the mothers and elder sisters about how to interpret pictures drawn by small children, and how to help children draw pictures.

The youth group of the Advent Church held their celebration on May 9th with a service during which they thought about the relationship between Jesus and his mother Mary. Afterwards they made beautiful artificial carnations to give to their mothers.

On May 10th the Church Women of St. John's Cathedral enjoyed lunch parties to

celebrate Mother's Day, and at St. Matthias' and St. Mark's, children presented gifts to their mothers and wished them happiness on their special day.

#### Footnotes:

- (1) It is a Chinese custom to offer, and to accept, a gift with both hands.
- (2) The Chinese Father's Day is August 8th. The reason for this is a play on words, since it is the 8th day of the 8th month, or 8/8, and the word for 8 is "ba", while "Ba ba" means "Father".



#### SPECIAL SERVICE AT HSINPU

One Sunday in June about sixty students from the evening school at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology attended the service with morning staff and day students of the college. The school orchestra, mainly composed of guitars, accompanied the hymns.



This was the first such combined service. The Bishop had not met the evening students before, and a barbecue lunch after the service provided a relaxed and happy atmosphere in which he and the students could talk together informally.

## FLOOD IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL - By a parishioner

On June 3rd, at about 9:20 in the morning, I was on my way to church. Although I knew it had been raining heavily since 4 a.m., I had not imagined that it would have caused such damage. All the roads leading to the church were flooded, and no matter which direction I tried, either along Fu Shing Road or by Ho Ping Road, I could hardly move a step. There was nothing I could do but return home.

I called the Reverend Samuel Chen to apologise for my absence from the service. He told me that he had been up since 5 o'clock battling against the water which had been rushing in from every corner. In no time at all the church, the hostel and his house were all flooded. By 9:30 he was exhausted but he said that, following the tradition, he must hold the Sunday service regardless of the circumstances. He said later that there were only three in the congregation — his wife and their two children. He really is a pastor worthy of our respect.

Two days later I went to see the Dean and could still see traces of the flood, which had been almost two feet deep. What is the cause of all this mess? The dirt, garbage and plastic bags which block the ditches and drains were responsible. Should the citizens and the government pay closer attention to this public affair?

#### VISITING

The men's service group of St. John's Cathedral, led by Dean Samuel Chen and their group leader, visit the families of church members every month. In May they also visited the Holy Word Children's Home in Taipei, where they explained to the warden that a scholarship is available, offered by a member of the congregation, to assist with school fees. They recommended that young people at the orphanage be encouraged to apply for this grant. This is really an outreach to the nearby community.

#### **EVANGELISM**

As one of the activities organised to mark the 20th Anniversary, on its name day, of Holy Trinity Church, Keelung, some young people from the parish became involved in spreading the Gospel. They conducted a programme for children in three sessions during the school holidays.

## On Holy Trinity's Anniversary



A young violinist entertains members of the congregation at a celebratory concert.

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May 27, 1984

The Rt. Rev. P. Y. Cheung Bishop of Taiwan Taipei, Taiwan

My Beloved Bishop Cheung:

Hearty congratulations to the Diocese of Taiwan for the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the Church in Taiwan. I am greatly interested in your starting of a Million Dollars Fund to build a Gospel Hall in Hsinchu District on this important occasion. I feel it an honour to take a part in this notable enterprise. Herewith please find a small check to the amount of \$500.00 for this Fund.

Regarding Mrs. Wang's suggestion of a delegation from Taiwan to join in the celebration of my 100th birthday anniversary on December 18, 1985, I beg to appreciate this kind thought, but for several reasons, wish to express against it.

The date is still 19 months away, and human life is full of uncertainty; it is hard to say that I would be alive then. Furthermore, the distance from Taiwan to U.S.A. is considerable, and the cost of travel huge; it is unjustifiable to finance a delegation, such as is suggested.

On August 18, 1984 my children are inviting old friends together for a birthday luncheon, in view of my birthday. If by coincidence some members of your Diocese should be visiting America in August, please let me know and I shall be very happy to send them the birthday luncheon invitation for August 18th.

Invoking Divine Blessing, Very sincerely,

Y. Y. Tsu

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August 25, 1984

The Rt. Rev. P. Y. Cheung Diocese of Taiwan Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Bishop Cheung:

First, I would like to thank you on behalf of the Province for the check of \$150.00 to help defray some of the expenses of the Synod in Portland, Oregon this September. You are most gracious to help in this matter.

We certainly understand your situation with the 30th Anniversary and its upcoming related activities plus your work load.

We are so glad that our youth from the Province under the leadership of the Rev. Nolan Redman worked out so well for all concerned. This is what Christianity is all about. We will certainly thank all those who made it possible. We also want to thank you all for picking up their costs while they were with you.

I have enclosed a signed receipt for your records. We were able to use some of it to help the Prior of the Holy Cross Order in Santa Barbara, The Rev. Adam McCoy, who is one of our Evangelism Officers of the Province, to attend the Synod.

Again on behalf of the Officers of the Province, we thank you for your Christian concern in relation to the success of this Synod. This Synod will deal with the Asian Pacific Ministries development strategy which you will see under reports in your Blue Book that I sent you.

With fond regards, Faithfully yours,

The Venerable Clarence H. Stacy Executive Secretary